

let me hear from you as often as you can. I will
pay the postage in the enclosed.
I have your letter of the 10th inst. P.O.B.
your letter of the 10th inst. M.W.C.
your Aunt Mary has been to call on Mr. Phelps our friend - she writes to me & was most friendly & kind.
I am very much interested in the war.
The Union Army has come to New York City! They look like a host of giants.
as many as 100,000 men engaged on each side. 8000 killed on our side & double the number on the side of the rebels. We are left in possession of the field, but the enemy is being heavily reinforced, as also are we. It would seem as if we were at the eve of decisive events. I left there all well at Weymouth, day before yesterday, & came on to N.Y. With Warner family, & their father with them.

Remained in season for a party of mingled Bedfordites & N.yorkers. Mrs. Jay went to the Sea-Shore this morning with the youngest daughter, Anna, who is in a very declining way. Pale - unable to eat any thing but stale pencil sort of things, - has had hallucinations - sinks

down upon the grass because the
world grows dark round her, in walk-
ing: Every symptom of insufficient
Sanguiferous. The heart in her
case, is like a pump that ticks be-
cause the liquid is too low. Blood
little, poor & thin. Augusta showed me
Annes letter to her. It seemed to have
given great pleasure. She is a nice
girl - But so are they all. Little Henry
is extremely forward, witty & well-behaved.
There is a picture here of a virgin & child.
They showed the child to Henry & asked him
if it was not pretty: (which it was.)
"No! - I hate him! - he's got no clothes on!"
again. (Oh Jay) Henry, here's a morn-
gloam. "Good Morning, Gloom!" - says
the child to it, with a brow. "Who's
that?" - (When I arrived.) "Grandmamma
Chapman." "Who's that?" (pointing him
to Mrs Jay.) "Oh! - that's Junner!"
(as who should say - that the real art

fact. I wish you could see him at
family prayers - folding his hands &
sitting & kneeling, very orderly tho'
he is never still an instant, in general.
The tendency to abolish Slavery strength-
ens. Fremont spoke in Boston last
week & said it must be done immediately.

The enthusiasm with which this was
received, was prodigious. I consider
it as good as done. But the delay
has been so great that it may not
preserve the Union, for the hour. But
no matter, - it will but a tempora-
ry deviance in that case: Slavery
away, the cause of division is
removed. There is no difficulty ^{here} about
getting men or means for carrying
on the war. & just in proportion
as it is carried on, Slavery gets
blows. So if it cannot be done
with economy of blood & treasure,
coming to the lack of unanimity

bottom,) it sure to be done with
prodigal extravagance. It is, in
a sense shocking (to the nerves) to
see time measured not as I told by
the flow of water, but by the ^{when they} ~~time~~ ^{seem to go slowly}
ceasing flow of blood. But one must
fall back upon the fact that from the
historic point of view, never was
the work of events so rapid.

I should judge from what I hear
^{in these N.Y. papers,}
that Wendell had had an escape,
for ~~seem~~ to discourage enlistment.
But he can do other, for he judges
by the feelings of individuals, not by
the necessity of the situation. I
see that we are fighting the Slave
Power: & I cannot keep, morally
shaking, discouraging enlistments.
I refuse to see these young men

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Looking like Curtains into the sun.
I honour & love them all. They
are doing the work of their
day & generation nobly; & as
Non-Resistant, cry "well done
good & faithful servants!" - thinking
& feeling as they do, they can do
other. It is positively &
absolutely evil to kill, - as it is to
enslave. But they have not found out
the first - they are but beginning
to find out the last; & only by act-
ing agreeably to their own convictions,
(not to mine,) can they get to their
absolute right.

The only sign of battle I saw in
N.Y. was the pontoon bridge - swiftness
stretching along whole street length. -
To the ^{experiment} conviction I got of the State

of the times, was strongest, from
the circumstance of having
\$5000 in bills crowded into my
pocket by Henry, to carry up to
Beaufort to pay off troops' Bounty
with; - & I, from seeing the
diamonds he had bought as
an investment that could not
turn to a heap of clipped coins
in the drawer, while he was
waiting a chance to send them
to Europe in payments, because
exchange runs so awfully against
us, in the natural course, & the
depreciation of our currency.

Note to me to N.Y.

Address to Mrs Chapman

(For Mrs H.G.) Care of Messrs Ward Campbell &
Wall Street
New York.

She came here yesterday to call
a very pretty Spanish girl, sister of
the family who have hired the
cottage for the season. She had a
round soft child's face & lovely black
eyes. Little Henry looked at her with
great admiration & said "you look
like two years old!" Observation
of differences is his characteristic
at present. The little John-Jay
can roar, like his father. I brought
a picture (wood cut representing two
children) to Henry, which I told him
was of Lionel & Bliss, in England.
We talked a good deal about them
& wished we could see them.

I observe that England has
neither broken the blockade
nor acknowledged the Rebel independ-
ence, nor threatened to interfere nor

intervene; & that Parliament
& the Ministry stick to that, & that
the people proper, stare it
out quietly, & rebuke Lindays
& Gregories, & hot down Proelick
(old Panathes) with "let 'em
fight it out!" So I do not

disturb myself with safe at
Toy-tricks, or railing review-
writers, nor sure than the
advantage ^{against their opponents, our friends,} of being ^{able to}
quote one as a hater of England.
I am reading the "Reu de l'Europe"
part of V. Hugo. It is a work of
genius certainly, however in taste
& decency it may occasionally leave
something to desire. It is good in
^{political} principles, whether it be or be not
too much dramatic as a work of art.
My love to Laurel & the children,